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"AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN, SURETY BAIL BOND AGENTS AND BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENTS."

- 1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
- 2 thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. Section 29-145 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- 5 Any person desiring to engage in the business of a professional
- 6 bondsman shall apply to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
- 7 Public Protection for a license. Such application shall set forth under
- 8 oath the full name, age, residence, telephone number and occupation
- 9 of the applicant, whether the applicant intends to engage in the
- 10 business of a professional bondsman individually or in partnership or
- 11 association with another or others, and, if so, the identity of each. It
- shall also set forth under oath a statement of the assets and liabilities of
- 13 the applicant, and whether the applicant has been charged with or
- 14 convicted of crime, and such other information, including fingerprints

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15 and photographs, as said commissioner from time to time may require. 16 The commissioner shall require the applicant to submit proof that he 17 or she (1) is at least twenty-one years of age and has received a high school diploma or an equivalent academic education, or (2) has been 18 19 honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions from 20 active service in the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103. The 21 commissioner shall require the applicant to submit to state and 22 national criminal history records checks. The criminal history records 23 checks required pursuant to this section shall be conducted in 24 accordance with section 29-17a. No person who has been convicted of 25 a felony shall be licensed to do business as a professional bondsman in 26 this state. No person engaged in law enforcement or vested with police 27 powers shall be licensed to do business as a professional bondsman. 28 No person who has not attained twenty-one years of age or has not 29 received a high school diploma or an equivalent academic education, 30 or who has not been honorably discharged or released under 31 honorable conditions from active service in the armed forces, shall be 32 licensed to do business as a professional bondsman."

- 33 Strike section 3 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu 34 thereof:
- "Sec. 3. Section 29-152f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

37 Any person desiring to engage in the business of a bail enforcement 38 agent shall apply to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and 39 Public Protection for a license therefor. Such application shall set forth 40 under oath the full name, age, date and place of birth, residence and 41 occupation of the applicant. It shall also set forth under oath a 42 statement of whether the applicant has been charged with or convicted 43 of a crime, and such other information, including fingerprints and 44 photographs, as required by the commissioner. The commissioner 45 shall require the applicant to submit proof that he or she (1) is at least 46 twenty-one years of age and has received a high school diploma or an 47 equivalent academic education, or (2) has been honorably discharged

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48 or released under honorable conditions from active service in the 49 armed forces, as defined in section 27-103. The commissioner shall 50 require the applicant to submit to state and national criminal history 51 records checks. The criminal history records checks required pursuant 52 to this section shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. 53 Within five years prior to the date of application, the applicant shall 54 have successfully completed a course in the criminal justice system 55 consisting of not less than twenty hours of study approved by the 56 commissioner. No person who has been convicted of a felony or any misdemeanor under section 21a-279, 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 57 58 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-173, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d shall be 59 licensed to do business as a bail enforcement agent in this state. No 60 person engaged in law enforcement or vested with police powers shall 61 be licensed to do business as a bail enforcement agent. No person who 62 has not attained twenty-one years of age or has not received a high 63 school diploma or an equivalent academic education, or who has not been honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions 64 65 from active service in the armed forces, shall be licensed to do business 66 as a bail enforcement agent."